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COUNCIL CONSIDERS PROBLEM OF BUDGET

NECESSITY OF PURCHASING NEW
HOSE AT WAR PRICES AND
TO IMPROVE STREETS.

WILL REDUCE LIGHTING BILL

To Keep Within Statute Provision
Prohibiting Increase of More Than
Six Per Cent Is Real Financial
Puzzle.

After wrestling for several hours with the problem of compiling the annual budget for 1917 the city council at its meeting Wednesday evening completed a tentative schedule and will act upon it at the regular meeting in December. The figures will be presented to the voters at the caucus to be held November 24 for their consideration.

According to the budget prepared the council contemplates raising \$17,170 next year. Last year the budget called for \$16,000. The increase for next year is made necessary by reason of the fact that a purchase of fire hose must be made, and at war prices is an item of no small proportion, an additional \$500 has been added to the fire appropriation to cover it. Also to provide for additional fire hydrants to protect property an increase of \$400 was made in the water department. The third increase made was that of street improvement the figure being placed at \$2,000 instead of \$1,600. This was offset by a reduction of \$400 for the police department, or from \$2,400 to \$2,000. An increase of \$50 for the treasurer's salary, from \$100 to \$150 was offset by a decrease in the item of printing, that being placed at \$100 instead of \$150. The recorder's, city attorney's and health department items were left as in 1916.

After a detailed comparison of the budget with the statement of funds spent during the year it was evident that the 1916 expenditures had reached rock bottom so far as most of the items were concerned. The one feature which gave promise of a saving was that of street lighting. Councilman Ward Canfield on learning that the festooned lighting cost the city approximately \$75 per month suggested that they be discontinued. Councilman A. L. Cockrum furthered his suggestion while Councilmen H. L. Peterson, A. R. Fraser and L. O. McCoy expressed the belief that this should not be done. After some discussion it was decided that Mr. Canfield as chairman of the light committee canvass the business district to determine the sentiment of the business men relative to the festoon lighting.

To raise the required funds the council faces the necessity of a 25 mill levy. This on a valuation of \$900,000 will secure \$15,000, the remainder must be secured from licenses, fines and the return of money for improvements now charged to property owners. This it is estimated will provide for the budget.

The following is the detail of the proposed budget and that which obtained for the past year:

	1917	1916
Recorder's office	\$ 900	\$ 900
Treasurer's office	150	100
Attorney's office	300	300
Police and St. Dept.	2000	2400
Fire department	1250	600
Health department	100	100
City Hall	300	300
Printing	100	150
Street Lighting	2700	2700
Water	1800	1400
Street Improvements	2000	1600
Bonds and Interest	4020	4020
Elections	50	50
Library	900	900
Cross Walks	600	600
Total	\$17,170	\$16,170

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL RESIGNS POSITION FRIDAY

R. G. Davis who has been principal of the high school for the past three months tendered his resignation to the school board Friday. Ill health due to nervousness was the cause given. Until a regular occupant of the position can be secured Mrs. C. C. Dodge is taking charge of the classes formerly taught by Mr. Davis.

CITY BONDS ARE IN DEMAND WITH BUYERS

City Council Is Asked to Refund Outstanding Issues at No Cost to City.

That the bonds of the city of Ontario are desirable security was evidenced by the request read at the session of the council Wednesday evening seeking the refunding of the issue at no cost to the city. This request came from a Denver firm and City Recorder Stearns told the council that three or four similar requests were on file.

On the suggestion of Councilman A. L. Cockrum the council determined to make a proposal to the bond buyers that if they would give a premium of six months interest charges and meet all expenses the refund would be considered. All the firms will receive the same proposition.

Two sewer extensions were ordered by the council. T. B. Fiser appeared to protest against the petition for a sewer requested by A. Jaquish. Mr. Fiser explained that ten years ago when the first sewers were ordered in he had made a connection with the lateral across the street and not in the alley. This he explained was done by the plumber and that he had no knowledge of the requirements.

While the council recognized that an apparently needless expense was to be forced on Mr. Fiser in view of the fact that he will have no need for the sewer, yet it could not take a position which would set a precedent for future action. The sewer, therefore, was ordered.

The council also discussed, without taking action, the question of improving the street leading to the Snake river bridge, and also discussed the problem of having the bridge replanked.

The members present at the meeting were Mayor W. F. Homan, Councilmen Cockrum, Canfield, Peterson, McCoy and Fraser.

J. C. CONSELMO FACES AN ASSAULT CHARGE

Shooting of Miss Edith Iredale of Nyssa Saturday Morning Is Dance's Aftermath.

John C. Conselmo, son of the wealthy Philadelphia commission merchant who is in charge of the famous Idanha prune orchard seven miles south of the city is being held for appearance in the superior court charged with assault with intent to kill as the result of an escapade on the Boulevard last Saturday morning during which Miss Edith Iredale suffered a gun shot wound.

According to the best available information the shooting occurred about 2 a. m. Saturday morning following a dance at the Grange hall. Miss Iredale was riding with some friends on her way home to Nyssa. The Conselmo car was seen to be following and the driver of the first car took to the side of the road to permit Conselmo to pass. This, however, he did not do, but instead stopped and started a fusillade at the first car, shooting so he claims at the tire for the fun of having the driver get out and fix the puncture.

As it turned out his range finder had erred and instead of hitting the rear tires one bullet found lodgment in the rear seat of the car, passing thru the back striking Miss Iredale. This ended the battle. The wounded girl was brought to the hospital here for medical attention and she is recovering from the effects of the wound.

Harry Francis of Nyssa, step father of Miss Iredale came to Ontario Monday and secured a warrant charging Conselmo with assault with intent to kill. Both the Conselmo boys were arraigned before Judge G. L. King Monday afternoon. Jess was charged with carrying concealed weapons and paid a fine of \$50 while his brother was held to appear in the superior court. The bonds was nominated in the sum of \$1,000 which was furnished. District Attorney W. H. Brooke appeared for the state while Judge George E. Davis of Vale appeared for Conselmo.

THIRD MARKET DAY WEEK FROM SATURDAY

HORSES AND CATTLE TO FEATURE—OFFERING LARGEST LIST EVER OFFERED.

MANY MILK COWS TO BE SOLD

Presence Here of Buyers From Outside State Has Given Impetus to Local Institution.

Ontario's third monthly sale day will be held Saturday, November 25 and another evidence of the growth of that institution is expected. For this sale a number of buyers from without the state will be here in search of good horses, and a large number of that class of animals have already been listed. An appeal to the farmers has been made by the management of the sale to bring in their good, sound horses as the price brought here will be equal to any market in the West.

Next in importance to the long list of horses to be offered will be the number of milk cows. Each of the preceding sales has seen an improvement in the class of stock offered. This sale will be featured by the presence of an unusual number of fine milk cows.

In regard to the usual assortment of farm machinery and miscellaneous goods the management of sale says that there will be an unusual large list placed before the buyers.

Miller and Dickens of Caldwell will again cry the sale and a big crowd of buyers is expected in the city.

The Ontario Sales Co., in the youngest but fastest growing business enterprise in Ontario and shows every indication of becoming one of the foremost horse markets in the West.

RECLAMATION MATTERS DISCUSSED BY W. R. KING

Judge Will R. King, chief counsel for the United States reclamation service addressed a meeting at the city hall on Monday afternoon. A small crowd was present to hear the address. Judge King told of the progress being made in the various government reclamation projects and declared that the government would soon be in a position to aid worthy projects. He also declared that it would be no exaggeration to say that the Warm Springs project in this county is the best undeveloped proposition in the west. He went even further and declared that it was twice as good as any he had seen and he has traveled between 60,000 and 75,000 miles over the country during the past few years viewing different projects in all parts of the west.

At Dreamland Saturday



Hazel Dawn in the Detective Comedy-Drama, "My Lady Incoq".

CITY ELECTION WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 4

MAYOR W. F. HOMAN AND COUNCILMAN A. L. COCKRUM ARE THE ONLY HOLDOVERS.

NO RUSH FOR JOBS APPARENT

Call for Caucus Issued—Citizens Urged to Attend Meeting November 24 to Select Official Family.

Ontario voters will have the opportunity of naming almost a complete city ticket at the election December 4. This, however, has not aroused a great deal of interest, for as yet, there is no mad rush to get any of the jobs.

At its last meeting the city council issued the official call for the election. It also named November 24 as the day on which the caucus is to be held to nominate the candidates. The places to be filled are those vacated by the expiration of the following councilmen: A. E. Fraser, H. L. Peterson, F. E. Everhart, L. O. McCoy and Ward Canfield.

So slight is the interest manifested so far in the city election that no one appears to know who will be the caucus nominees. Efforts to get all of the present body to accept reelection have been made but some at least have no desire to run. They might, however, accept if nominated. D. L. Taggart from the south end of the city and E. C. Van Petten from the north end have been suggested as possible councilmanic timber, but they have not given their consent, as yet.

In speaking of the approaching election Mayor W. F. Homan on Tuesday said:

"We wish that the voters would get interested in the city's affairs to a greater degree than is evidenced at present. There are always a number of important questions to be settled by the council during a year, and it is of importance to every citizen that the council membership be composed of men who are not only interested in the material welfare of the city but who are experienced in business affairs.

"The only way in which the citizens can be sure of having such a council is to be present at the caucus to see that men of that character are nominated."

AUTO KICKS BACK AND GARDNER'S ARM BREAKS

R. W. Gardner, manager of the Malheur Home Telephone company is carrying his right arm in splints this week. Saturday night Mr. Gardner attempted to crank his car while it was standing in front of the Malheur Mercantile company's store. He tried several times and got a back fire so hard that the handle struck the small bone near the wrist and fractured it. While the injury is painful it is not keeping him from his desk.

ONTARIO UNABLE TO STOP WEISER TEAM

Locals Fail to Meet Advance Notices While Weiser Shows More Class Than Any Team in Valley.

Smashing thru the line or circling round the ends at will the Weiser high school football team demonstrated that it was superior in every department of the game to the locals last Friday afternoon at the Fair grounds. When the last shivering spectator left the field the score stood Weiser 45, Ontario 0.

From the start Weiser outplayed the locals. At no time was Ontario able to hold the plunging of E. Kaiser or stop the speedy runs of MacDonald, the little red-headed Weiser back. Only two Ontarians played the game of which they were capable. These two were Lee Maddux and Art Moore. For some reason Weiser had the nerve of the local team and proceeded to run touchdowns at will. Aside from failing in attack the locals displayed poor field judgment and continued to try line bucks when the forwards could open no holes in the Idaho line.

While the entire Weiser team played with a unison that was marked for a high school aggregation the work of Kaiser and MacDonald stood out above all the rest. Kaiser demonstrated that he is not only one of the best line plungers in the valley but he is equally good at running in a broken field. Time and again it took a half dozen Ontarians to stop him and usually it was Maddux who turned the trick. The playing of the local captain with that of Moore was the one bright spot in the local game.

Will Play Payette Friday. The local team will play at Payette Friday and it is the one opportunity the boys have to save the season from utter disaster.

MYSTERIOUS MEETING HELD BY SHEEPMEN

Boise Papers Guess at Reasons Which Impell Gathering at Idaho Capital City.

Boise, this week, was the scene of a mysterious gathering of the biggest dealers in sheep in Oregon and Idaho territory. There were present, also, a number of big sheep men from Washington and Montana, as well as a few from Utah.

According to the Boise papers the sheepmen were extremely reticent in discussing the occasion of the gathering. All that could be gathered from individual dealers was the fact that there were several of them present at the same time. They denied that the meeting had any significance. Some went so far as to state that most of the sheepmen were in Boise for pleasure only and that no meeting was to be held.

When asked if there were any big sheep deals in sight the generally expressed opinion that there was not, so far as Idaho sheep were concerned, but that there was at least one big deal on for some Oregon sheep.

Real Reason Hinted At.

From sources here in Ontario, however, it is learned that the true inwardness of the Boise gathering is nothing more nor less than the organization of a defensive alliance on the part of the sheepmen of the northwestern states to protect themselves against further inroads of restrictions by legislative action detrimental to the sheep industry. At least this is the belief of local citizens more or less interested in the sheep industry. Just what procedure the Boise gathering will propose is not known, but in view of the magnitude of interests represented at the Boise meeting it is evident that they will be effective in securing the ends desired.

J. S. Shumate, of Nampa, who was a candidate for sheriff on the republican ticket in Canyon county, Idaho, has accepted a position with Wilson Bros. here. Mr. Shumate is interested in the progress of the recount in Idaho for it is a possibility that he may be able to resign his present position.

EARLY SPRING MAY SEE RAILROAD BUILT

BEND BULLETIN FOLLOWING VISIT OF MYSTERIOUS RAILROAD MAGNATE.

BEND TO SELL ITS BONDS

Work of Construction Depends on the Securing of Terminals and Rights of Way—Many Rumors Heard in Interior.

That but a year or two at the most will see trains crossing the interior of Oregon is the word that comes from the interior. Railroad building and rumors thereof have been persistent during the past few weeks and these are receiving more than ordinary credence in well informed circles. Whether or not there is substantial basis for the reports the Argus is not prepared to state.

The most reliable report is that which comes from Bend, following a visit of Robert Strahorn, the railroad man of mystery. Mr. Strahorn, it will be remembered is the man who projected the famous North Coast road in Washington, which later turned out to be a branch line of the Harriman system. During all the years he was building that line Mr. Strahorn never divulged its real ownership. By the most adroit evasion he baffled all interviewers until he was awarded the honors as the most mystifying individual in the Northwest.

Of late, however, it appears that Mr. Strahorn has changed his tactics, somewhat. He is right out in the open after rights-of-way and railroad terminals. He wants cash assistance to build the railroad system with which to remake the map of Oregon's interior. And he is securing results as may be judged from the following story from the Bend Bulletin.

Bend to Sell Bonds.

"If all right of way, terminal and subscription requirements are met, construction of the Strahorn railroad will begin in the spring, according to a statement made by Mr. Strahorn when here last week. The railroad builder arrived on Friday on the beginning of a tour over the proposed lines of the O. C. & E. made for the purpose of closing up all pending details.

"On Saturday afternoon, after meeting with Mr. Strahorn, the city council decided to advertise for sale the bonds voted in August for the purchase of the local terminals. As a result of this action it is expected that Bend will be the first city to turn over to Mr. Strahorn the property desired by him.

"Mr. Strahorn was greatly pleased when here to learn of the action of the Portland Chamber of Commerce taken last week, by which it offered him its support and requested a statement from him as to what he expected from Portland. It is understood that as soon as he has completed his present trip, Mr. Strahorn will take the matter up with the Portland Chamber.

"In addition to the statements concerning local construction, Mr. Strahorn stated definitely, for the first time, that it was expected to extend the lines into California by way of the Surprise Valley, if the necessary arrangements could be completed with the people of the valley. This line would extend to Flanigan, Nev., where connections would be made with the Southern Pacific and the Western Pacific.

"Leaving on Monday with W. D. Cheney, Mr. Strahorn planned to make his first stop at Fort Rock where a breakfast luncheon was planned for Monday noon, giving him his first opportunity to meet the people of that section.

OREGON CLUB TO HOLD BUSINESS MEN SMOKER

To get acquainted with the business men and to enjoy a general good time the Oregon club is to hold a business men's smoker November 21. Invitations are out to the men along the street and an interesting program has been arranged. Several engagements in milt singing are on the tap to be followed by a wienie roast, cards and story telling.